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The National Veterans.
It is now certain that a new organization is to be formed by veterans of the late war who fought on the side of the union.

For several years there has been a growing discontent in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. In many instances it has been used as a political machine to promote the ambition of certain post-bellum warriors. This dissatisfaction was increased when an attempt was made to use the influence of the entire G. A. R. organization in support of the dependent pension bill. The bill was opposed by many brave men who had fought for the union, and who believed that it was an unjust and a raid on the public treasury. These men openly indorsed the action of President Cleveland in vetoing the bill.

The St. Louis episode widened still further the breach in the Grand Army, and is the occasion of the rise of the new organization. It is to have its birth in the state of Iowa, the home of Tuttle and the Clarksons, who did the most blatant howling at the president when he consented to go to St. Louis during the Grand Army encampment.

A meeting of union veterans was held the other day at Des Moines, and Tuttle was formally denounced for insulting the chief magistrate of the United States. Another resolution declared that the dependent pension bill was "a scheme of republican politicians acting under the cloak of the G. A. R."

The new organization, which is called "The Association of National Veterans," is spreading rapidly in Iowa. It is predicted by the Des Moines Leader that in two weeks it will have fifty lodges and ten thousand members in that state alone.

It will undoubtedly spread to other states and become a national institution. It is to be hoped that the new organization will profit by the mistakes of the Grand Army of the Republic and not fall into the control of demagogues or those who desire to fan the flames of sectional hate.

THERE is division among the negroes as regards mixed schools. The most sensible see that such a system would work great harm, while the unreflecting think it would be a big thing. We will have no mixed schools in Georgia.

The Health of Memphis.
Memphis claims that she is one of the healthiest cities in the United States. Unfortunately, however, she cannot get the outside world to believe it.

The other day some fellow started a report that yellow fever was prevailing in Memphis. The rumor traveled like wildfire. It was believed in New York, and the entire southwest was in a flurry. Of course the report was promptly contradicted by the doctors and the authorities. But it is difficult to counteract such falsehoods. They scare people, and injure business.

A certain degree of indignation on the part of the Memphians is perfectly justifiable under the circumstances, and the inventor of the yellow fever yarn undoubtedly deserves some kind of punishment. But in this particular case it suggests that a rope and a lamp post might be utilized without serious damage to the public morals. This is going too far. It will not do for the press to encourage lynch law. The country has altogether too much of it at all times.

We learn from the Avalanche that every year since 1879, at this season, stories have been set afloat with a view to injuring the trade of the city, and this time the epidemic liar has come to the front earlier than usual. It is hard to tell just what should be done, but it would be a good thing if every state would pass laws making it a penal offense for anyone to spread false reports calculated to injure a community's reputation for health. There was an old English law against spreading false news, and something of the kind is evidently needed at the present day.

GOVERNOR BULLOCK says that the "republicans of the south are tired of Sherman's bloody-shirt speeches." This is probably true, but Sherman's remarks were addressed to northern republicans.

About Summer Resorts.

There is nothing more truly beautiful than a summer resort—if we are to believe the several and various correspondents who wield their magic pens in the newspapers, and nothing more attractive. But the more beautiful and attractive they are the larger and more promiscuous the crowds that flock to them.

Our experience is that people do not go to the summer resorts to behold the beautiful, but merely to enjoy a change of scene. They deliberately forsake the comforts of home in order that they may see new faces and gaze on new scenes. They go for a change and they get it.

How easy it is to remember the salient (if we may be permitted to tumble the word into the festive scene)—how easy it is to remember the salient features of the average summer resort! The small room with its bare walls; the blistered bureau leaning in uncertain way against the wall; the slim delf pitcher that dances a jig in the bowl every time a dog barks; the hard mattress, the stuffy pillows and the sticky bedstead; the tin towels and the turpentine soap; the tin piano on which the thin young woman plays "Lily Dale," and "Sweet Lula is Gone"; the dear old lady with the gimlet curls who talks from morning till night; the young man who oils his hair; the giggling young woman who does on whisk and plays every card wrong.

All this is partially an inside view. The spectacle outside is quite an enchanting one. Decaying watermelon rinds bask in the bright sunshine—an invitation to the sticky pigs to come forward with a fresh

contribution of fleas. Another feature of the landscape that cannot be adequately portrayed is an active renewal of an old feud between the house-maid and the cook. Then there are the yells of the children, the squabbles between the turkey gobblers and the game rooster, and the squalls of the pet peacock, with the sun blazing over all.

But it is at night that the claims of your true summer resort begin to glow and glitter. For some inexplicable reason, the sun does not shine at night at a genuine summer resort, and, as a consequence, the charms to which we have alluded stand out like the humps on the back of a dromedary. When the tin-piano ceases to rattle, and the young woman has taken her giggle off to bed, the sound of bells is heard in the land. By means of single out summer resorts as the victims of its beneficence, every sheep and all the cows within hearing distance are provided with unmelodious bells, and they make it a point, as soon as the jangling piano has cooled off, to meet in convention around the luxurious hotel. They come from all directions, and they take their time about it, so that at 12 o'clock, midnight, the bell-weather and bell-crows, for miles around, have met in solemn convulse.

When there is a pause in their vociferous deliberations, it is filled by the dismal howlings of a dog in the neighborhood; and when there seems to be an opportunity for peace and quiet, a drove of pigs, each armed with seventeen different varieties of squall. Therefore, taking everything into consideration, our advice is that if a man can't get away from home to visit a summer resort, he would do well to stay where he is.

The New York World is evidently preparing to support the Sun's candidate for president—B. F. Butler.

Low Rates to the Exposition.
The interview with Commissioner Slaughter in regard to low rates to the Piedmont exposition printed elsewhere this morning will be read with genuine pleasure.

A rate of a cent and a half a mile, which is to say a round trip for one fare, is already adopted for the states most interested in the exposition. Each road centering in Atlanta is permitted to make a rate of one cent per mile, which Mr. Slaughter thinks it is probable they will do. With such a rate, and we believe it will be made, it will be hard to limit the success of the exposition.

The rate should be made promptly, so that the fact can be abundantly advertised. A one and a half cent rate will not start the crowds traveling. That was shown in the Cotton exposition. A rate of one cent will fill the cars of every railroad, as was demonstrated in the Cotton exposition. The difference is considerable. A rate of one cent per mile would enable a man in August to go to Atlanta and return for \$3.42. At one and one half cents per mile the price for the round trip ticket would be \$5.15. This difference would mean 2,000 visitors from the city of Augusta.

Atlanta has made this exposition almost unequalled. She has not asked the state or government for a cent. Beyond the six thousand dollars subscribed by the railroads her people have put up every dollar of the \$150,000 which will be spent. The railroads will get more profit than any firms or corporations from the exposition. Atlanta asks them now to give her this rate, which is reasonable, and at which they can make handsome profits. Establish this rate promptly, let it be advertised throughout the country, and Atlanta will guarantee the rest. There will not be a delay of a day from now until October the 10th in making the exposition a grand and overwhelming success.

What will the roads do? Colonel Slaughter, the wise and conservative commissioner of their association, advises that they shall give a one cent rate. This is good advice from a good man. They take it?

GOVERNOR POWELL, of Ohio, is a red-headed statesman. Will George Alfred McLean Gath fling him a low-line?

An Editor's Responsibility.
An interesting decision has been delivered by the supreme court of Louisiana on the question of editorial rights and responsibilities. The case on which the decision was rendered rose out of a dispute between the business manager and the editor of the Shreveport Times. The editor claimed the right to direct and control the editorial utterances of the paper; the business manager refused to admit this claim. It was clearly shown that a contract had been entered into between the editor and business manager, and the court decided that the editor was to exercise absolute control of the editorial policy of the paper under the contract.

The supreme court reversed this decision and sustained the prerogative asserted by the editor. In the course of his decision Justice Fenner, who delivered the opinion of the court, said some things about the mission and dignity of the public press which are worthy of consideration. Some of the most striking points in the decision are contained in the following extract:

"If we could treat a public newspaper as a purely mercenary enterprise, and the vocation of an editor as merely mercenary, perhaps we might maintain the contentment of respondent, and treat the injury to a simple question of profit and loss, to be adjusted by pecuniary compensation. But surely newspapers have some object higher than mere money making. As operated in modern times, they are something more than mere advertising medium, or even purveyors of news. They are organs of public opinion, instructors of the people, advocates of certain fixed policies and principles, the promotion of which must gratify the intellectual and moral desires of their proprietors, even if they do not in all cases advance their pecuniary interests."

We might well conceive that, though offered ample pecuniary inducements to advocate principles or causes which they disbelieve, or to abstain from advocating those which they approve, worthy journalists would reject such propositions with the scorn which they deserve.

We must apply the same rule to the editor of a newspaper. He, too, must be treated as a man who has received a certain fixed policy and principles, a devotion to the interests of his people, as he understands them, and we must assume that, in executing the functions of his high calling, he sets a certain standard of advancement of such objects far above and beyond any mere pecuniary reward. The case is a novel one. The decision of the court shows a high respect for the influence of an honest press, and suggests the only method by which a newspaper can acquire any real and lasting influence.

REV. A. D. MAYO, a republican and an original abolitionist, who knows more about

the school systems of the south than anybody, is opposed to mixed schools.

A Representative Body.
The Nashville American has this: "THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION heads an article 'A Word to the Legislature.' 'Gir' is the one most frequently used up in this part of the country.'"

Perhaps this is true as to Tennessee, and perhaps not. At any rate, we are glad to say that the legislature of Georgia thoroughly represents the people of the state, and it is not often that it makes a mistake. Consequently we are not willing to get rid of it so easily and cheaply.

The newspapers of Tennessee may be anxious to say "gir!" to the Tennessee legislature; they may have their special reason for doing so; but the legislature of Georgia is of the people and for the people. The work they do is appreciated. It is the work they are selected to do.

We regret very much that the American finds it impossible to indorse the work of the Tennessee legislature.

GOVERNOR HILL weighs only 168 pounds. Now Mr. Cleveland weighs more than 200 pounds.

In Homer's time they used to burn oxen when the weather got too hot. There has been progress since then. Now the sun can burn its own oxen without any outside help.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT.

FEW MEANER CREATURES live than the wretch who recently poisoned 125 horses in New York. The penitentiary is too good for such a cowardly villain.

IT TAKES OUT the ferocious Tuttle, who is so anxious to fight now, paid more attention to the professional relations than to military duty during the war.

THE LUXURIOUS editor of the Courier-Journal is angry because the city fire department does not use ice water in its engines during this hot weather. There is still enough ice in Louisville for the punches.

KOTOR HARTENDEG of the Savannah Times, gives out in this eloquent burst of local patriotism: "It is a beautiful sight to stand on the beach at Tybee and watch the broad Atlantic as it empties into the Savannah."

EX-GOVERNOR HODGELEY, of Ohio, is in hard luck. He went on the bond of Assignee Manjix of the Purcell estate, Cincinnati. The estate was badly managed, and the assignee was forced to walk into court the other day and paid over \$62,500 as his proportion of the losses.

JUSTICE FIELD has decided that Mrs. Langtry must appear in court in person in order to perfect her naturalization as a citizen of the United States. As Justice Field is now presiding in cotton speculating court, where Mrs. Langtry must appear, we do not blame him for issuing this stern decree.

A GREAT STRIKE was begun in the Pennsylvania coke region on the 4th of last May. Day before yesterday it came to an end by the unconditional surrender of the strikers. They sold out for \$100,000. They are now afraid that they will not get the wages against which they struck.

THE LAWYER who defended Harvey, the defaulting treasury clerk, made an eloquent plea for the prisoner on the ground that he was the victim of a moral delusion. The jury, however, was not so easily deceived. The jury found Harvey guilty, and his fate should be a warning to others.

THE ATLANTA GUNS have made a sensation. When they were fired the other day on trial, they broke loose from their fastenings and tore up the ground in a terrible manner. The guns were fired with only ninety pounds of powder which was considered a full charge. We trust the guns of our handsome namesake may be taught how to behave themselves.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE pretends to be the great political prophet of the country. Last Thursday morning it announced that Thomas E. Powell stood a poor chance for the democratic nomination in Ohio. In less than six hours after the Tribune left the press Powell was nominated. It will be remembered that the Tribune has also predicted that Cleveland will be defeated in 1888.

A QUEER contention is in progress between the papers of Richmond, Va., and Augusta, Ga., as to which of these cities has scored the higher record on the thermometer this season. Augusta put in a claim of 104° and was thought to have squelched the claims of her Virginia rival, but the Dispatch is willing to swear that Richmond showed 106° in the shade last Thursday. We are afraid Augusta has lost.

JOHN SHERMAN is not going to trust his somewhat rattled boom to any lieutenant at the Toledo convention which will meet next Wednesday. He will be there in person and as a delegate to watch the men who propose to sit down on the resolution indorsing his presidential candidacy. Sherman recognizes that the letter being turned over to him is for himself. John's modesty may be below the average, but his pluck is away above par.

GOVERNOR FORAKER and **THOMAS E. POWELL**, who are to be pitted against each other in the Ohio gubernatorial campaign, are old friends. They went to Wesleyan college at the same time. Foraker was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, while Powell was a Sigma Chi. They were frequently pitted against each other in debate in the literary society to which they both belonged. One great point in favor of Powell is that he has no hair.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, speaking today of the secretary's probable appointment to the supreme bench, said he was quite sure the president had said anything about it to Mr. Lamar. "I saw Lamar," said he, "just before he left the city last week and he told me distinctly and positively that the president had never mentioned the matter to him. Speaking, however, of his own desires in the matter he said to me very frankly: 'I would like very much to have the place.'"

R. M. T. HUNTER had the honor of being the youngest speaker who ever presided over the United States house of representatives. He was only thirty years and seven months old when he was elected speaker in 1859. Henry Clay was thirty-four years and seven months old when he became speaker. Howell Cobb was still younger when this honor was conferred on him, being only thirty-four years and three months old. Mr. Hunter's death leaves Robert C. Winthrop the only man living who was speaker of the house before Buchanan's administration.

YESTERDAY MRS. CLEVELAND was twenty-three years old. She spent the day quietly at the president's lovely country home. The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald expressed the sentiment of the entire country when he wrote: "She is the perfect mistress of the executive mansion has ever known. It may be said without flattery that she is also one of the loveliest, best in purity of character and grace of mind and person, that has ever presided over the home of the president of the United States. The severest test that a woman can put to is the criticism of her own sex, and Mrs. Cleveland is not only a woman, but a woman of the highest quality."

It will be admitted that she has gained a wonderful hold upon official society in Washington.

GLANCED AT BY ALL.
Little Rock Gazette: A woman always knows what another woman means.

Boston Herald: The car is called the August Majesty because it reigns in a summary manner.

Albion Globe: Hands that the rot of empire might have swayed now fork out stamps for cooling lemonade.

Boston Transcript: "It'll be in when I'm out," is the somewhat paradoxical utterance of the sick man as his friend closed a visit to his bedside.

Providence Journal: Young Wife (pettishly)—Why don't you come to meet your husband, as I said, what does it signify? Fond Husband—That we have been married six months.

Boston Globe: Rider Haggard is in danger of soon finding himself in the same fix as the lastrious lion tamer who died by laying a leg a day. He didn't have time to put a shell on all his productions.

Duluth Paragon: Until once with a picnic party we stumbled over a wasp's nest we had never seen a picnic party so much as physical, for the wisdom of the old saying that nothing runs like a woman stung.

Minneapolis Journal: Building operations always have a delighted audience. It pleases the children to see the men who dig the earth, and the wisdom of the old saying that nothing runs like a woman stung.

Albany Times: "Why is it that women never start a quarrel?" asked a young man of the "Utica Observer" editor. The editor replied: "Because a quarrel is a quarrel, and a woman is a woman."

Providence Journal: "What is this?" thundered the chairman. "Here is a newspaper report of an anarchist washed ashore! Who has broken the rules of this order?" "He was dead," said a member, "and he was washed ashore by the sea."

Baltimore Record: Down in Baltimore they have a number of people who preserved as curiosities the halibutons that fell during the storm which swept over that city yesterday. These are doubtless the same persons who during the winter sold a boiled snowball diet. Preserved halibutons and boiled snowballs out of go well together.

A PAIR OF FUNNY TOADS.
Maquering in Each Other's Cast-off Skins

HARRISBURG, Penn., July 20.—"No one knows the funny things toads will do," said the Hon. James A. Sweeney, a Luzerne county legislator and ex-member of the Pennsylvania legislature. "On a recent cloudy day, after a heavy rain, I was walking in a garden near Harford when I heard a peculiar sound. Looking in the direction from which it came, I saw two toads in an open space. They were quite large, and the toad on the left was a little smaller. They were both standing on their hind feet, facing each other. The large toad had its fore feet over on each side of the smaller toad's right leg. As they stood in that way they uttered strange guttural sounds, as if they were discussing some subject between themselves. Suddenly the small toad thrust its right foot forward and caught the large toad by the large of its stomach, and the next instant the latter threw himself to the ground and a lively wrestle between them began."

During the struggle on the ground the skin of both toads burst open on the back, and I suppose I was about to see the interesting process of toads taking off their old coats, rolling them up in little balls, and swallowing them, as naturalists say they do. I did witness the process, but I did not see the toads swallow anything more singular than the swallowing incident occurred. The day was raw and windy, as I said, and after the toads had rubbed their skins back and forth on the ground, the large toad began to shiver very perceptibly with the cold. Suddenly the small toad hopped quickly to where the skin of the big one lay, and picking it up in its mouth, it swallowed it. The large toad followed the smaller one, and the next instant the latter followed the former to the ground and a lively wrestle between them began.

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FOUND THE FORK.
Though Swallowed Many Years Ago, It Has Just Been Removed.

From The Lancet.
Dr. William Wilson reports the following interesting case:

"Cipriani, to whom you referred in a recent number, while imitating the exploits of a juggler in a bar, while swallowing a fork, suffered from the following day transferred to the Ospedale di Santa Maria Nuova, where all efforts at removal were unsuccessful. Several ingenious instruments were invented for the purpose, but failed. He remained in the hospital for five weeks, suffering more or less from acute pyrexia, and was finally removed to the Ospedale di Santa Maria Nuova, where all efforts at removal were unsuccessful. Several ingenious instruments were invented for the purpose, but failed. He remained in the hospital for five weeks, suffering more or less from acute pyrexia, and was finally removed to the Ospedale di Santa Maria Nuova, where all efforts at removal were unsuccessful. Several ingenious instruments were invented for the purpose, but failed. 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